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- 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 3. English-language Abstracts of non-English language reference Nos. 1-3 are attached hereto.
- 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference(s) has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 2 and 3.

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